

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please cancel the first line and substitute with the following:

SPECIFICATION

Title of the Invention

“A MAGNETIC STRIP”

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A magnet is often used to hold an article. A typical magnet is composed of a hard, metallic material and, in use, attractive magnetic forces between the magnet and a magnetisable material are exploited to hold the article. Magnets find application in heavy industry, but are also used for domestic purposes. An example for the latter is the well-known fridge-magnet. Such a magnet is arranged to hold an article on a metallic door of a refrigerator. In this or similar applications the article is clamped between a metallic surface and a face of the magnet or alternatively the article is attached to the magnet which may be in direct contact with the metallic surface. Care must be taken ~~to avoid so~~ that the magnet does not scratch or otherwise damages the article or the metallic surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In a first aspect, the present invention provides a magnetic tape comprising:
a pair of flexible strips being connected in a face to face relationship with one another and intermediate said connections defining a plurality of pockets; and
a plurality of magnets each being housed within respective of the pockets to permit movement of the magnets therein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Brief Description of the Figures ~~Drawings~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1 shows a schematic representation ~~of including a top plan view of a~~ magnetic tape according to an embodiment of the present invention; and

Figure 2 shows a cross-sectional representation of the magnetic tape of Figure 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Detailed Description of the Invention Preferred Embodiments

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In another embodiment of the invention the magnetic tape 10 forms an arrangement for packaging magnets 14 and comprises a plurality of pockets that are joined together and are used to accommodate the magnets 14. In this case the magnetic tape 12 is also composed of a waterproof polymeric material. The magnetic tape may incorporate high strength magnets such as those made of the rare earth alloy NdFeB (Neodymium Iron Boron). The use of these magnets improve the coupling strength of the magnetic strip. On the other hand high strength magnets are difficult to handle and to separate in large quantities and this embodiment of the invention therefore also relates to packaging advantages. By packing the magnets 14 according to the above-described method, the NdFeB magnets become easy to handle and to separate as the flexible strip material provides a means of leverage between the magnets. It also prevents the magnets from chipping and from corrosion providing extended life for the magnets.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The Claims Defining the Invention are:~~

The invention is claimed as follows: